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- The monthly wages of unskilled workers at Zabrze (Hindenburg) vary between 650 and 900 zloty; those of skilled workers between 850 and 1,250 zloty. Those skilled workers who exceed their daily quotas by up to 150 percent receive a monthly wage of 2,500 zloty. The skilled workers who exceed their daily quotas by more than 150 percent get 3,000 zloty a month. Administrative employees (typists etc.) receive between 400 and 750 zloty a month. Technical employees receive between 750 and 1,350 zloty a month. Engineers, section chiefs, directors etc. receive monthly wages of between 1,350 and 2,500 zloty.
- Employees who are party members receive an additional bonus of between 500 and 1,000 zloty a month for operational funds. These bonuses are camouflaged as payments for overtime and are always paid secretly.
- The following were current prices in Zabrze as of December 1953.

Commodity	Price in Zloty
bread, two kilograms	6-8
butter, one kilogram	60
meat, one kilogram	30
sausage or ham	up to 60
man's suit, medium quality	700 - 1,200
man's suit, good quality	1,200 - 2,500
pair of shoes	400 - 1,000
shirt	60 - 240
overcoat	900 - 2,000
bicycle	1,350 and up
radio	900
camera	800

- Shoes for workers, which have been mostly stolen from the plants, and Swiss watches, which have been smuggled, can be obtained easily on the black market in Zabrze.

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